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On 22 July 1953, the former Fusilier Kaserne in Rostock quartered the following elements of the KVPD which was in the process of formation and allegedly was a division:

One regiment under the command of Senior Lieutenant Dannemann (fnu) with 45 officers and 90 personnel.

One regiment under the command of Captain Kuehnass (fnu) with 40 officers and an undetermined number of personnel.

One regiment under the command of Senior Lieutenant Ross (fnu) with 40 officers and 100 personnel.

One AT unit and one engineer unit with a total of 20 officers and 200 personnel. Lieutenant Colonel Wildner (fnu) was commanding officer of the unit. Lieutenant Colonel Schoeffer (fnu) served as police officer and Major Wick (fnu) was intendants officer.

On 17 June 1953, units of the KVPD in Rostock were employed in Warnemunde to suppress the strike of the workers at the Warnow Shipyard. They made use of their firearms, with Lieutenant Colonel Wildner giving the order to fire. The Ross Unit was especially active during these fights.

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Comment. The unit in Rostock was activated from elements of the KVP from Kochstedt I and Burg in mid and late April 1953. The strength reports vary greatly.

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Comment. strong elements of the unit moved to the zonal border on 25 June 1953.

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